Mercurius Cœlicus:

OR,

A CAVEAT

To all people of the

KINGDOME,

That now have, or ſhall hereafter happen to reade the counterfeit, and moſt pernicious Pamphlet written under the name of

NAWORTH:

OR,

A New Almanacke,

AND

Prognoſtication

For the yeare of our Lord and Saviour IESUS CHRIST 1644.

(Said in the Title Page thereof to be) *Printed at* Oxford *by His Majeſties Command.*

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OR

A Caveat to all the People, &c.

[a] Yours have furnish'd but a few this yeare.

[b] Spell my name, and confesse your Ignorance.

[c] *London* Truth, thereto you did need beg silent.

[d] Yes they daily tell you (in plaine English) you are Rebels and Traitors to his Majesty.

[e] You mistake. The sight of them could not reckon up your gaines, and spare your Thanksgivings.

[f] Nay I'le try if you can doe that, you have gone the way.

[g] Victories are yours, Fictions yours.

I Suppose you are all furnished with [a] Almanacks and Prognostications for this whole yeare ensuing, before this time; At leastwise, I hope you will not bestow your mony on so lying a *Pamphlet*, or spend your time so vainely in reading so notorious *Untruths* as this counterfeit [b] Parworth would fain perswade you to beleive. As for the *Chronologicall* part thereof, which he stiles thus, *With a breife Chronology of the most remarkable Occurrences since the beginning of this Rebellion: Calculated exactly for the Latitude and Meridian of the famous University and City of Oxford*; I must intreat you to beleive me; for the very [c] truth is. All that *Infamous Chronology* is nothing else but a *Collection of Untruths*, raked out of the Dunghill of *Mercurius Aulicus* his abominable *lying Legend*; which, like the *Infectious Disease* now raging at *Oxford*, and other the Westerne parts of the Kingdome, had like to have poysoned all the people thereof, had not his *Anti-Mercury*, our freind *Britannicus*, seasonably given them an *Antidote* to purge and cure the *Melancholly* gotten by that *malignant Aulicus*. I beleive he hath *calculated* it *exactly* for the *Meridian* of *Oxford*; for it can serve no other place of the Kingdome: The [d] people there, dare not speake truth; And how then, thinke you, dare they write? His reckoning up of (fained) *Victories* at this and that place, are all false *Calculations*: Methinks the very [e] thought of *Keynton*, *Edge-hill*, or *Newbury*, should strike him dead. I could tell him of [f] *Alton*, *Gainsborough*, *Arundell*, &c. If [g] he would but tell us of their (our enemies) true *Losses*, as well as of their fained [h] *Victories*, in which (to their perpetuall shame)

ſhame) they ſo much boaſt, the Kingdome would be more ſenſible of the bloud that [k] they have cauſed to be ſpilt, & unanimouſly riſe to ſuppreſſe their cruell Tyranny, their bloudy and inhumane cruelties. How dares he write of *Victories*? If ever they (for whom that Almanack was calculated) got any, it was by Treachery. As for the word Rebell he ſo often mentions in that lying Chronology, ſurely (if I be not miſtaken in my Figure (which I ſeldome do) he meanes himſelfe, and thoſe that live in that *Clymate* where he calculated his Erra-Pater (for he is of very neere kindred to [m] *Mercurius Aulicus*, who is the ſonne of Pater Errorum) together with thoſe inhumane bloudy [n] Iriſh Rebells, who before and ſince the *Ceſſation* in that unhappy Kingdome of *Ireland*, are come over, and joyned with the *Atheiſticall* and *Papiſticall* people of that, this, and other Kingdoms, To deſtroy the *King* and *Parliament*, ſubvert our *Religion*, *Lawes*, and *Liberties*; To bring in *Tyranny*, *Slavery*, *Popery*, and all the miſery that ever this Nation ſuffered: Surely, if ever there were Rebels theſe are they, Of the off ſpring of *Cain*, very *Cannibals*: I have gotten theſe baſe words by reading of him; And therefore, leſt I be infected with this *Oxford-Malady*, I ſend him his [o] words againe, which he ſhall never claw off till he amend his *Calculation* and beg [p] pardon of the *King* and *Parliament* for his ſo groſſely abuſing them, and endeavouring to ſeduce the whole Kingdome; But, I doubt, *A great Seale*, which he ſayes (falſly) is at *Oxford* will do them little good: And for the other the *Great Seale*, which [q] truely is here, I hope the *Parliament* will make ſuch uſe of it, that all thoſe whom I named before (*Rebells*) ſhall, ere long, receive their juſt reward. Reader, beleeve it, There was never ſo many Lyes heaped together in ſo ſhort and few lines, ſince the word Almanack was uſed

But ſtay Maſter G. M. I have not done with you yet, in your *Aſtronomicall Obſervations*. If you be the ſame Naiworth of *Weſt Aukland*, that wrote an Almanack for the yeares 1641. and 1642. and referred it to the Latitude of *Durham*, I honour you, and now give you thanks for your *Remembrance* (in one of them I then ſaw before it was printed) of ſome *Obſervations* I made upon the Eclipſe of the Sun in *May*, 1639. which you had publiſhed to

[k] They at *Weſtminſter*.

[l] Remember your purchaſe of *Eccleſhall-Caſtle*, and *Arundell*. 'Tis eaſier with you to purchaſe, then conquer.

[m] Now you honour mee.

[n] Thoſe that your pretended rebouſes ſent over to ſuppreſſe the Rebellion there, (whil'ſt themſelves have raiſed a worſe here) are now return'd to ſecure His Majeſty from their more Bloody hands.

[o] It ſeemes they have wrought. For ſince you tooke my Doſe you have vomited filthy Humours. I hope e're long to cure you.

[p] I need none if I did; it might be drawne at *London*, but muſt be ſeal'd at *Oxford*.

[q] Yes truly, the King and His Chancell

the *whole world*, had not ſome of the Biſhops Chaplaines, *Baker*, *Bray*, *Wikes*, *Heywood*, or ſome of their fellowes, made an *Index Expugatorius* thereof, as they uſually did in my Almanacks. But me thinkes you ſhould not be he that then wrote; for in the yeare 1642. you underſtood your ſelfe very well when in that yeare's *Revolution*, and the *Effects* of the two Eclipſes of the Moon, you ſaid thus (for I will uſe your owne words) *Mixing the Effects of the Eclipſes with the Lunateons, & other powerfull Aſpects which the Embaſſadors of Heaven pronounce unto us, The Conjunction of* Jupiter & Mars, *the* 15 *of May, And of* Saturne *and* Mars *the* 30; *We cannot cleer our ſelves in generall or particular of many ſtrange Accidents, (which will amaze and diſtract divers;) for the Moon is (at the middle of either Eclipſe) in the eighth Houſe of the Heavens, in* domo mortis, *&c.* Mars *is* Almuten, *or cheif Ruler at the firſt Eclipſe of the Moon; And* Mercury *of the ſecond; And both of them in* Signis humanis: *If therefore we eſcape ſharpe* tertian *Feavers*, War, *Famine, Peſtilence, Houſe-breakings, Rapes, Depopulations, Man-ſlaughters, ſecret Seditions, Baniſhments, Impriſonments, violent and unexpected deaths, Robberies, Thefts, and pyraticall Invaſions; If alſo Libellers, and Diſtempered Letters be foreſtalled and intercepted. Let the Glory be to God, For when Villany is unmasked, Vertue ſhineth: Buſie tongues, and variable Rumours will ſeduce or induce many; but nothing for their good, &c.* Thus far are your owne words: And now, Maſter Nawoth, let me intreat you to remember what I mentioned at that *Conjunction* of *Mars* and *Iupiter* the ſame 15 of *May* you ſpeake of, 1642, in theſe words, *Praefectos bellorum cantos hic eſſe decebit, quod Res ipſa loquetur.* About which time the Illegall Commiſſion of Array was put in execution; And at, or near the ſame time, the Militia of the Kingdome was ſetled by the happy Councell and Advice of this [1] *Thrice honoured* (never to be forgotten) Parliament: As likewiſe that other *Conjunction* of *Saturne* and *Mars* in the end of *May*, where I uſed theſe words, *Circa hoc Tempus Bellica Stratagemata audientur*: Juſt at that time when Hull was ſorely threatned; but (bleſſed be God) it is yet, and I hope will be kept out of the Enemies poſſeſſion. Though there hath been uſed much *Art* and *Subtilty* for the betraying thereof, to, and by them, to whoſe Care and Truſt it was then

be at *London*, by the Statute of *Articuli ſuper Chartas An* 28. *E.* 1. Ch. 5 But as they are both here, and you have counterfeited another Seale there Read at leaſure (and for your comfort) that other Statute. *An.* 25. *E.* 3.

[1] You doe well in rehearſing of them: For they deeply concerne your Pretended 2. Houſes, and City: as being the Authors of all the Miſeries therein meant, and ſince verified.

[2] For 1. Murther: 2. Sacrilege & 3. Robbery, &c.

then committed; In due time [t] they will be dealt with as they deserve. You may please to remember the 23 of *October* 1641 (which with you 1642 is called, The grand Rebellion) It is very true, the 23 of *October*, 1641, The unparalle'd Grand Rebellion of Ireland burst forth, for which God punisht you that very day twelve-moneth, over against which very day and time in my Almanack for that year 1642, I had noted thus much upon the *Opposition* of the *Sun* and *Mars*, *Ventorum murmura generabit aura inquieta, Cædes quoq; cruentæ & lites atræ hinc inde percrebescent.* That very time you lost so much Noble Blood you speak of; And were so soundly beaten between [u] *Keinton* and *Edge hill*, by the truely Valiant *Robert* Earle of *Essex*, The Parliaments Lord Generall, *&c.*

You'l say, It was pretty well ghest, Good wits may [x] Jumpe, I do not love to rub the Gall'd Horse back, you know my meaning (as well there, as in many other places of my Almanack) well enough; But you are turn'd Court-parasite, you, and I must part Kinred; Yet me thinks we should agree about the Effects of the last *Great Conjunction* of Saturne and Iupiter, which happened on the [y] sixteenth of *February* the last year: You calculate [z] Backwards, of things done, and past: I tell you of what's to come (which is the true end of Almanacks) Hath the small difference of latitude between *Oxford* and *Durham*, so much altered you? Sure you came by *Sea*, for feare the Scots should † catch you, *Et sic Animum mutâsti*: I must tell you in that *Great Conjuction*. If I [a] understand my Authors, or my selfe, Iupiter was predominant, as you say aboue (*Malignant*) Saturne (a name properly given to your selfe, and your frinds.) And no doubt as Messahala an Author, I know as well as your selfe, who sayeth, *Cum Iupiter fortior fuerit Saturno, significabit bonum in eadem Conjunctione* (as in this *Conjunction* he is) [b] I agree with you, and that it portends much good to *England*, and all other the places you speak off; But *England*, and all other those places, *&c.* must first be [c] purged of the *Malignant humours*, before the *Benigne & Wholsome* can come in their stead. I told you what Alsted had foretold many years since upon that *Great Conjunction*, I said it was a *Fore-runner* of a [d] through Reformation; And he said *Hujus*

t You mean the two Hothams: First, hang them for being Traitors to His Majesty, and then do what you please with them for their Treachery to you.

u You made them 2 Battles when you spoke of your Victories. P. 2. lin. 2.

x [from off a Ladder yours may.

y Origanus tells you the 20.

z Had you done it righily forwards, you had saved me that Labour.

† Look to your Money, they'l first catch that a I can prove you doe neither.

b Remember your Title page.

c His Majesty intends it no doubt.

d I told you so too, in my Prognostication for this yeare P. ult. lin. 16.

Conjunctionis Ignis *consumet omnes scorias & Faces* Vrbis Romæ; you see since that *Conjunction* what Effects it hath wrought; Remember[c] Cheapside-Crosse, *Anno Dom.* 1643. On that day you call Inventio Crucis; And let me tell you what was done the eighteenth day of *Ianuary*, this very year, upon that very place, where Cheapside-Crosse once stood, There was many Idolatrous and Superstitious Pictures, and Images, Crucifixes, Crosses, Popish Bookes, Whips, and other your Roman-Archi-Episco-Papisticall Trinkets" in a flame; The Witnesses (besides many thousand other People) were no lesse then the Parliament, The Honourable the Lords and Commons, the Lord Generall, the Lord Admirall, with many other Colonels and Commanders, the Reverend Assembly of Divines, the Scotch Commissioners, the Lord Maior, Aldermen, and Common-Councell of *London*, passing from [f] Christ Church, to *Merchant Taylors* Hall, guarded by the Regiments of the Trained Bands of *London*; I say, That day many Popish Reliques were consumed to ashes, which (no doubt, though it will[g] displease the Pope; yea, and your Friends at *Oxford*, and elsewhere), It will be acceptable to God, and all good men; Such a sight and day, you had not at [h] *Oxford*, nor ever was there such a day, since Inventio Crucis; you see now to what heighth the [i] fire of this *Conjunction* flames, it is comming to *Oxford* very shortly; you had best shift for your selfe, For beleeve it, the *Universities* must be [k] purged, you see what a necessary *Element fire is*, *Newcastle-Coale is comming*; you would fain perswade and seduce the people to beleeve that this *Conjunction*, which Authors call *Conjunctio Planetarum maxima*, *Quippe* [l] *qua reguntur leges Imperia Regiones*, and that it doth *Præmonstrare res magnas & mirandas venturas in mundo*, yet you say it hath no signification of Warre; I thinke it had not of this Warre which you and your friends (our Enemies) at *Oxford*) have raised; For there was many yeers before, strange *Terrestriall*, *Ecclesiasticall*, *Politicall Conjunctions*, *Conspiracies*, *Confederacies*, I know not what to call them; you know *Causa præcedit effectum*, and who were the *Planets* that ruled in those times, and what a Malignant Influence they had over this *Kingdome*, *Ireland*, *Scotland*, *&c.* And what

[a] Did Alsted tell you of the demolishing of Cheap-side-Crosse?

[b] Those that founded that Church and dedicated it to Christ, thought not of demolishing the Crosse.

[c] In earnest I tell you the Pope is glad of it, and will be a gainer by it.

[d] They are better taught and imployed there, then to pull down Crosses, deface Churches, or to rake amongst the ashes of the dead for Treasure, as many of your Hellish crue have done.

[e] That fire hath been long a comming to Oxford. (yea, before that Conjunction happened) yet came never higher then Tame.

[f] That's done already. We have not a rogue (like your selfe) left that dare show

what they have producced from other Forraigne States; But I must tell you again, That this late *Cœleſtiall Conjunction* hath got the predominancie, & all the *Chriſtian World* will feel the effects thereof, more & more euery day. Shall I tell you what I thinke of that *Great Conjunction* you ſpeak of, which was at *Weſtminſter* the third of *November* 1640. The which God be bleſſed [m] continues yet; though ſome *Stars* of the firſt *Magnitude* have fallen ſince, & others have proved Errant indeed, yea, & though the Terreſtriall *Moon* hath [n] Eclipſed our *Sun, for as* Sol eſt Rex Planetarum, ſo Rex eſt Sol Parliamenti) & other *Stars, Stella peregrina, nebuloſa* have mixed their Beams, & deprived us of the ſweet & ordinary *Beneſit* we uſe to receive by His preſence: yet it will check your Oppoſition at *Oxford*, that I hope the Kingdome ſhall not be hurt one jot by the Malignant Influence thereof; I meane your Anti-Parliament there, will prove a meer Meteor, an *Ignis Fatuus*, *A nothing*. And though you may there force Votes to Murther the Kings Liege People; Commit Perjuries, Prophane the Sabbath, Aſſemble all the falſe *Prieſts, Papiſts, Atheiſts*, and *Ieſuites*, in the Kingdome; Keep the King from comming to His Parliament; Yet I truſt that *conjunction* which was in *Novemb.* at *Weſtminſter*, co-operating with that other of *February*, will worke a Through Reformation indeed, throughout this Realme, by a timely *purging* it, of all *Atheiſts, Papiſts, Ieſuites*, Bloody *Iriſh Rebels*, and others, the enemies of God, and true Religion; and bring the Authors of this bloody War they have raiſed, to condigne puniſhment. And as the *Starres* of Heaven in their Courſes fought againſt *Siſera*, ſo no queſtion, But theſe *Stars* at *Weſtminſter* (where that more notable and more greater *Conjunction* was, you ſpeake of) though they have a ſharpe *Combate* with cruell Enemies, they ſhall have a Noble and Glorious Victory.

As for that *Homo trium Literarum*, which I bid the Kingdome beware of, if you have not *Eraſmus* his *Adages*, you may pleaſe to ſearch in ſome of the *Colledges* (if the Books be not pawned) be ſure you may have it in *Bodleys* Library; and therein in his Title *De contemptu & Vilitate*, you ſhall finde theſe words, *Homo trium Literarum; Per Ironiam dici poteſt in eum qui generoſus ac ingennoſus Videri cupiat, Inde natum, quod olim ingenui nomen, prænomen*

his head) in all the Citie.

l Let Latine alone, you ſee you cannot ſpell it.

m They cannot continue long: They are in a *Cadent* Houſe already, you know the Tearme.

n Sirra, Meddle not with Eclipſes: You want Arithmetick, Geometry, and the Opticke. The Terreſtriall Moon, (by which you mean the Queen Majeſty) ſhe is as much above your malice as your ſlanders.

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nomen, & Agnomen in literis aut Insignibus suis tribus literis notare soleant; Ut pro Quinto Valerio Maximo. M. V. M. *Plautus in Aululatia jocum alio detorsit, nempe in servum Furacem, Subjicit enim:* F U R *trifurcifer*: In this sense I understood it, And thereby meant your *Cavaliers* would turne Theeves and Robbers, as you may easily understand, by the residue which follows my Premonition; But because you have corrupted the Text, (as you use to do) and have construed *Homo trium Literarum to be* °Rex; I shall heartily desire, and pray God, That His Majesty would not hearken any longer to you at *Oxford*, but return to pHis Parliament at *London*; and then that place of Scripture you mention as a *Donation* to him (at the end of your Legend in *December*) will be performed; But till that be done, I shall tell you of an (*Ablation*) another place of Scripture, *Proverbs* 25. 5. *Take away the wicked from before the King, and his Throne shall be established in Righteousnesse*. I say, till this be done, I do not foresee that honourable Greeting, which you say, *Paulus Iovius* saluted *Charles* the Great with, will happen this *Revolution* to our King *Charles*. And therefore Master G. M. because you and your friend Aulicus may not any longer abuse the Kingdome; you by your lying Almanack, and he by his lying Pamphlet, I will give you both one *Character*; you shall find it in the same *Erasmus*, a litle before *Homo trium Literarum*, your Companion *Homo Trioboli, pro Homine nequissimo, planeque nullius pretii*: The English whereof, is truely your name, No worth, or a Man worth nothing. And so I wish you leave calculating for *Oxford*, and return to *Durham*, where the qScots are approaching; and upon your submission, they may happily remit you your Errours; But beleeve me, if they' take You, & Aulicus together at *Oxford*, you cannot receive the *Benefit* of the *Seal*, you say is there; For the truth is, you are both impardonable.

o You are used to Lye; I construed it to be Say or *Pym*.

p *Nathaniell Fiennes* hath another exposition.

q Durham with its Neighbours will make the Scots return.

' Twere good you were as well resolv'd as wee are.

24 *Ianuary.* 164$\frac{3}{4}$

John Booker.

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